REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Thanh T Vu, dated 25 Sep 2003, designed FINAL.

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Claims 1-5 and 7-11 and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Dynamic HTML In Action, by William J. Pardi and Eric M. Schurman (hereafter, Pardi).

The Examiner refers to Chapter 4 of Pardi for its teaching of a navigation frame. As the Examiner notes with respect to original claim 1, "Chapter 4 of Pardi does specifically teach a dynamic HTML used by a navigator responsive to user input to change data presented at said screen in said side bar without having to communicate with a remote server." The Examiner then refers to Chapter 13, for teaching that the outline expands and collapses without having to communicate with a remote server.

Applicant observes, however, that his claims are END920000111US1 12 S/N 09/657,195

limited to communicating with the remote server to refresh
the content frame when the user selects a detail object in
the side bar, but expands and collapses the side bar without
accessing the server when the user selects a heading object.
With respect to claim 6 applicant observes that in Pardi
Chapter 4, communication with the server is also required to
refresh the side bar upon selection of any element in the
side bar, not just the item tag.

This is a case where known principles are employed to deal with different problems. Applicant argues that when considering the claims as a whole, and not using applicants claims as a guide to piece together separate teachings of Pardi, there is no suggestion in Pardi of a side bar which expands and collapses on user selection of a heading without further communication with a remote server until the user selects a detail item (other than a heading) from the expanded portion of the side bar.

Applicant has also amended claims 1, 2, 3 and 7 to recite temporary data frame of the GUI of the invention.

Applicant requests that claims 1-5 and 7-11 be allowed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-5 and 7-11.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicant(s) attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

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